

CHARTER

"Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum"

PURPOSE: This charter establishes the guidelines for the Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum. Waterways Management is defined as *"The integrated efforts of public and private resources to ensure that infrastructure, systems and services of our ports and waterways meet the demand for a safe, secure, efficient, accessible, economically viable and environmentally sound component of the National Transportation System."* The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum's purpose will be to identify and resolve waterways management issues *that involve the Great Lakes region*. This body will specifically review issues that cross multiple jurisdictional zones and/or involve international issues. The Forum will focus on developing operational solutions that improve the use and effectiveness of the Great Lakes for all.

ACTION: The Forum will meet formally twice a year to "assess" the Great Lakes region, prioritize areas of concern and identify issues for resolution. These meetings will be open to the public. Any other meetings deemed necessary could be held telephonically. The Forum may create "Working Groups" as needed that consist of people with the skills and experience needed to resolve a specific Great Lakes regional waterways issue. Forum members will be responsible for identifying "Working Group" members from their organizations and ensuring their members commit the necessary time and effort to resolve the identified waterways problem. Any "Working Group" that is established shall have at least one person from the Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum as the "Working Group" leader. Solutions to waterways problems developed by the Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum shall be reported at the Great Lakes annual Marine Community Day and at other pertinent forums.

FORUM MEMBERSHIP: The Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum will be chaired by the Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District; the Ontario Regional Director, Transport Canada, Marine Safety; the Commander, Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes and Ohio River Division and the Canadian Coast Guard Director of the Central and Arctic Region or their representative. The Forum membership will consist of:

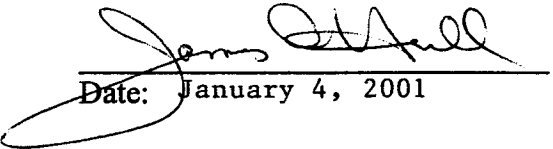
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- Army Corps of Engineers Great Lakes representatives
- Representative of the Great Lakes Commission
- Representative of U.S. flag Great Lakes shipping interests
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- Representative of Great Lakes towing industry
- Representative of Great Lakes passenger vessel industry
- Representative of Great Lakes States recreational vessel interests

- Representative of ocean-going Great Lakes shipping interests
- Representative of private recreational boaters
- Representative of Maritime Administration
- Representative of NOAA
- Representative of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
- Representative of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation
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- Representative of international shipmasters
- Representative of Great Lakes Ports
- Representative of Great Lakes labor
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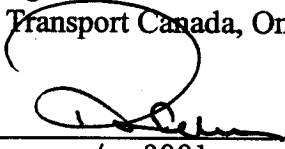
AGREEMENT: The Ninth Coast Guard District will appoint a Coordinator to assist the Great Lakes Regional Waterways Management Forum as necessary.

TERM OF AGREEMENT: This charter is a living document and can therefore be updated as needed. The terms of this charter remain in effect until modified or terminated by subsequent agreement.

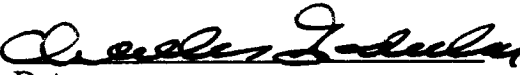
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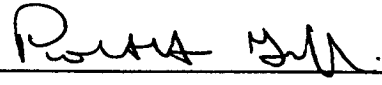
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